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BRATTLEBORO, VERMONT, WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 25, 1916.

TWO CENTS.

SMASHING BLOW

BY THE FRENCH

Swept Back the Germans for a Distance of 4 1/2 Miles Near Verdun

ATTACK WELL TIMED BY GENERAL NIVELLE

Knew That the German Line Had Been Thinned to the Danger Point by Withdrawals to Other Points and Then Struck Like Lightning.

PARIS, Oct. 25.—The Germans made a counter attack north of Verdun last night in an effort to regain ground won by the French in yesterday's assault. They attempted to recapture the Hamont quarry and the Damplois battery. The war office announced that in both cases they were repulsed. The French gains were maintained. The German officer in command at Fort Douaumont is among the prisoners taken.

Verdun, long lost sight of, sprang suddenly today into the forefront of the public mind. The German front on the right bank of the Meuse yesterday literally was swept away for a distance of four and one-half miles. In three hours the French recaptured ground to gain which required months of patient effort by the Germans, including such positions as Fort Douaumont and Thiaumont works.

The French official account of the battle does not say the German line was forced back but that it was "burst." General Nivelle, for weeks past has been watching the German movements like a lynx carefully calculating the effect of every withdrawal of troops for transfer to the Somme and eastern fronts. At the same time he quietly made his preparations and when he judged the Germans had thinned the defenses to the danger point he struck like lightning.

The attack was planned secretly ten days ago. Artillery began preliminary work, but rainy weather set in and grand headquarters ordered postponement. When the time came the attack was delivered by four columns of a division each. The operations, proving that the French could strike a smashing blow at Verdun while carrying on an

First Baptist Church

Thursday, Oct. 25, at 3 p. m.—A meeting of the women of the church and congregation at the home of Mrs. L. W. Hawley, 16 Chapin street. The new constitution is ready for adoption. Missionary meeting.

Friday and Saturday, Oct. 27 and 28.—The Women's society will conduct a rummage sale in the vacant store on High street. Bring all parcels to the store on Thursday afternoon or early Friday morning. If unable to bring parcels, report to Mrs. C. E. Crosby.

Centre Congregational Church

Thursday at 2:30 p. m.—Meeting in the chapel to sew for the home missionary box.

Thursday at 3:30.—Home missionary meeting in the chapel. A large attendance is desired.

Thursday at 7:30.—First meeting of the Christian Endeavor mission study class with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rhodes, 18 Washington street. All young people who desire to join are cordially invited to be present.

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GENERAL CARRANZA MAY QUIT MEXICO

Wife of the Old Chief and the Wife of Gen. Obregon Now in This Country.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—Charges that Gen. Carranza is preparing to leave Mexico are being freely made by his political opponents in Mexico City. They are based upon his decision to leave his capital for Queretaro, and the fact that Mrs. Carranza already has crossed the border into the United States, accompanied by the wife of her husband's war minister and chief supporter, Gen. Obregon.

Information to this effect is reaching officials at Washington from various reliable sources. So far nothing tangible, tending to support the story, has come through the official channels. It is known, however, that many officials there believe Gen. Carranza has committed a political blunder, at least if he is not in fact preparing for flight, by permitting his family to leave Mexico just at this time. The trip, they say, was certain to be construed by his enemies as a confession of weakness. The purpose of the visit of Mrs. Carranza and Mrs. Obregon, as explained at the Mexican embassy, is for a tour of the United States. Word of the arrival at the border also of Mrs. Jacinto Trevino, wife of the military commander of Chihuahua state, had not been received last night. It was pointed out, however, that Trevino has been among Carranza's staunchest supporters and that if the first chief believed his hold on the political situation was weakening Trevino very probably would be warned in order that he might also place his family in safety.

RED PANTHER TRAILS INSANE MAN IN EDEN

Bloodhound from the Winchell Kennel Follows Trail All Day — 150 Men Seek Fugitive.

FAIR HAVEN, Oct. 25.—"Red Panther," a full blooded English bloodhound owned by J. L. Winchell of this town, was used Monday in the search for an insane man who had escaped from his place of confinement at his father's home in Eden.

The dog, in charge of G. C. Kincaid, who was accompanied by Superintendent Lookes of the house of correction at Rutland, and Edward Root left Sunday evening by automobile for Eden, traveling all night and arriving at Eden at 7 o'clock Monday morning.

They went at once to the house of Mr. Whittemore, whose son had escaped 36 hours before from the room where he was confined. The room had been cleaned and the floor mopped so that no scent could be obtained there.

From the steps over which the young man had passed 36 hours before the dog took the scent which he followed for two miles in the woods to a point where the insane man had been seen. From this point the dog led Mr. Kincaid for seven miles towards Lowell.

To save time the animal was then taken off the trail and was given the scent again at a log which young Whittemore had been seen to cross. The animal followed the trail until dark.

It was then decided that as the man could travel much faster than the dog, with a trailer could follow, it would be wise to surround the mountain. The dog was taken off the trail and yesterday morning 150 men set out in an attempt to locate the missing man. It had not been learned last evening whether the search had been successful.

Young Whittemore wore no clothing except a pair of trousers and shoes.

"Red Panther" is four years old and has been used successfully in 185 cases in many parts of the world.

DIAS PUSHES CONQUEST.

The State of Mexico and Colima Now in His Possession.

DOUGLAS, Arizona, Oct. 25.—Felix Diaz completed the conquest of the state of Mexico four days ago, when he entered Toluca, the capital, according to a message received here by a Mexican identified with the Diaz movement. Diaz was said to be but a short distance from Mexico City with a force of several thousand men, well armed and amply provisioned.

A letter from Gen. Medina Barron, a partisan of Diaz, received in Douglas yesterday, said he was in complete control of the state of Colima, having 3,000 men under his command. He said that he had ample funds for the prosecution of his campaign and had sufficient arms and ammunition for 60,000 men.

The state of Oaxaca with the exception of the capital city of Oaxaca has been overrun by the Diaz adherents the letter claimed. While not under actual siege the Carranza forces were said to be surrounded in such a manner that they cannot leave Oaxaca without precipitating a general engagement. The forces of Zapata, several thousand strong, were in the suburbs of Mexico City less than two miles from the most densely populated quarters, the letter asserted.

In Odd Fellows' Temple

Regular meeting of Canton Palestine Thursday evening at 7:30. Business, nomination of field and caution officers.

SIX STORIES IN BARBER BUILDING

New Structure May Be Devoted in Large Part to Hotel Purposes

CONSTRUCTION TO BE FIREPROOF

Will Rest on 57 Re-enforced Concrete Piers and Will Be One of Finest Built Structures in Vermont — Floor Space 50,000 Feet.

That Attorney General Herbert G. Barber will devote to hotel purposes a good proportion of the building which he is erecting at the corner of Main and Flat streets is not altogether improbable. Mr. Barber was asked this forenoon by a representative of The Reform if he intended to use a part or all of the building for a hotel, and he replied that he had not fully determined as to the occupancy of the building, but that he had considered the advisability of building it in part for a hotel.

Mr. Barber at first planned a building three stories high on Main street and four stories high on Flat street, to be built of wood with brick exterior. He has entirely changed his plans, however, and will put up a first-class fireproof building five stories high on Main street and six on Flat street, or two stories higher than at first planned. The height from the engine room floor to the roof will be 112 feet.

He says there would be opportunity for a first-class dining room on the lower Flat street floor, with stores on the lower Main street floor and 50 hotel rooms above that in addition to a good number of offices and some apartments. It is not necessary to decide at this time in regard to the hotel proposition, as the foundation work and general construction features will be the same in any case.

With 40 men on the job and the big concrete mixer working to its capacity the work of putting in the foundations for the building presents a busy scene.

The new building will be thoroughly fireproof and as well built as any building in Vermont. It will be the first of its kind in Vermont. The exterior will be of dark, rich red tapestry brick with stone trim, and the Kahn system of steel re-enforcement will be used throughout. It will be equipped with an elevator system and will be modern in every detail. It will have 50,000 square feet of floor space.

Fifty-seven re-enforced concrete piers will support the structure, and it was in part for the purpose of making some changes in them to meet the requirements of the larger building that work was suspended a few days recently. In these 57 piers are six which are built into the large concrete wall between the building and Main street, and the weight of the east side of the building will be borne by these six piers and connecting trusses instead of by the retaining wall. The other sides of the building similarly will be supported by re-enforced piers and trusses. The Flat street wall will be 90 feet long and the Main street wall 128 feet long.

The rear wall of the building, on account of its proximity to the Taft building, which is a large wooden structure, is to be equipped with metal sash and plate wire glass windows.

Although there will be light on three sides of the building the plans call for two courts on the rear side, so arranged as to give the maximum amount of light in all corridors and offices. In this respect the building also will be one of the finest in the state.

It is expected that the new structure will be ready for occupancy before next summer. The contractors are F. W. & J. A. Dakin of Burlington, McDowell & Henderson of Burlington are the architects, C. A. Perry, associate, having the work under supervision. Mr. Perry will be here until the building is finished. The re-enforcement system is furnished by the Truss-Kahn Steel Co. of New York.

FRENCH MADE NO DEMANDS ON GREECE

Government at Athens Issues a Communication to Clear Up the Exaggerated Reports.

ATHENS, Oct. 25.—The Greek government today issued a communication to clear up the misunderstandings due to exaggerated reports of King Constantine's interview with the French military attaché on Friday. The communication explained that the French government made no demands, but merely submitted a memorandum and that the king never declared he was prepared to break off relations with the entente.

It is thought that as a result of a conversation between the king and the French minister, during which explanations were made, the French marines may be withdrawn shortly from Athens to Piræus.

Coal exports from Newcastle, Australia, totaled 129,503 tons for the seven days ended September 25, the largest amount ever shipped in one week.

TODAY'S WAR SUMMARY

While the French have resisted a German counter attack on part of the territory won yesterday in their coups north of Verdun the armies of the Teutonic allies are pressing forward in Dobrudja and in Transylvania.

The Russian war office announces that the Russians and Rumanians have evacuated the Danube town of Tchernavoda in Dobrudja. With Tchernavoda in their hands the Germans and their allies in Dobrudja now have possession of the entire railroad between the Black sea and the Danube.

At Tchernavoda the Danube is spanned by a narrow bridge which would offer the Teutonic allies the best means of invading old Rumania and striking at Bucharest, provided the Rumanians were unable to destroy it before the evacuation.

Petrograd says Field Marshal Von Mackensen's army is continuing its attack all along the Dobrudja front. The Russo-Rumanian position at Lake Tschabal, near the Black sea coast, also has been evacuated. South of Dorna Watra near the frontier junction of Bukovina, Transylvania and Rumania, the Russians dislodged the Austro-German forces from a series of heights, the Russian official announcement reports. Vulcan pass on the Transylvania front has been captured by Gen. Von Falkenhayn's army. The Berlin war office announced today. This pass is one of the most important passages through the Transylvania Alps between Hungary and Rumania.

A further retirement by Rumanian forces on the Transylvanian front is announced by the war office at Bucharest. The Rumanians near Predael and Kimpulung, the statement says, were forced to fall back a little.

Rain is interfering with operations on the Somme front. Only artillery actions are reported in that area, according to London. Today's French official report announces an important military move in the Balkans, where Italian cavalry from southern Albania has formed a junction with cavalry and artillery from the entente front in Macedonia. This gives the entente an unbroken front of 250 miles across the southern Balkan peninsula from Avolona, Albania, on the Adriatic to the mouth of the Struma river east of Saloniki on the Aegean coast.

AMERICANS KILLED IN SANTO DOMINGO

Capt. Low, Lieut. Morrison and Several Marines Fall in a Battle Against the Rebels.

SANTO DOMINGO, Oct. 25.—In an engagement between American troops and rebel forces yesterday Gen. Ramon Batista was killed. Several Americans are also reported killed, including two officers, and one American officer was wounded.

The names of the American officers killed are given as Capt. William W. Low and Capt. Atwood. Lieut. Morrison was wounded. The American commander attempted to arrest Gen. Batista, who resisted and ordered an attack on the American forces. Fighting continued for a considerable time, but the rebels eventually were defeated.

The engagement took place opposite Santo Domingo City and caused somewhat of a panic in the capital. Reinforcements were sent there to aid American troops in maintaining order. The number of killed and wounded in the fight is at present not known.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—No report on the fight in Santo Domingo has reached the navy department, but officials assumed that the latest outbreak was the work of a small band of rebels who recently revolted from the Dominican army and that it did not presage any general attempt at disorder. Last reports from the island told of comparative quiet throughout the republic, where the American marine forces are busy organizing the native constabulary, which is to police the country under the direction of American officers.

Capt. William W. Low was sent to Santo Domingo with his company from the Marine barracks at Philadelphia. He was a native of New Hampshire, appointed to the marine corps from Connecticut in 1889, and was 47 years old. Officers at Marine Corps headquarters last night were unable to identify the name Atwood.

A revolt occurred in the Dominican army several weeks ago, but American marines and bluejackets soon had control of the situation. They were reinforced with American troops from Port au Prince, Haiti.

The available naval lists make no mention of Capt. Atwood, who is reported as having been killed. Capt. William W. Low was attached to the first brigade of marines stationed recently at Port au Prince.

NO CHANGE IN DECALOGUE.

Episcopalians Leaders to Let Ten Commandments Stand Unchanged.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 25.—Efforts to shorten the ten commandments have been abandoned at the present session of the convention of the Episcopal church leaders, it was announced here today. It was asserted that until the next convention in 1919 at least the decalogue will stand in the prayer book as it is.

COST OF LIVING STILL GOING UP

Rice About Only Article of Food that Is Not Sailing Skyward

PRICE OF FLOUR IS BOOSTED AGAIN

Short Wheat Crop Given as One Reason — Coal High and Likely to Be Higher — Even Mops Cost More on Account of Metal Used.

Every now and then someone announces solemnly that back in 1511 or 1706 or some such time far enough back for no one alive today to be able to prove it, it cost more to live than it does now. They add that things righted themselves. If they were worse then than they are now with the promise that they are to be worse before "righting themselves," most folks today are thankful that they did not arrive on this mundane sphere a couple of hundred years ago.

A careful inspection of the long list of edibles purveyed in stores where people are accustomed to purchase, at considerable profit to somebody except the purchaser, food products with which to sustain life, is convincing evidence that rice is the only article of food that a man can afford to buy and eat today. The only trouble is that it will have to be eaten raw for the cost of heat units is mounting so steadily that in a few weeks it is promised that either the climate has got to change its long time custom of helping out the coal merchant or folks must spend a week's pay to make a house habitable for the succeeding week.

Flour, the staff of life, due, it is claimed to a wheat crop that is not so large as normal and which is of poorer grade than for years, is rapidly climbing by leaps and bounds to the point where it is a luxury. Two jumps the last week or so have carried bread flour to a point where retailers are forced to charge from \$11.25 to \$11.50 a barrel with pastry flour a little lower in price.

Plain everyday spuds are quoted at \$2 a bushel, but rice, a very nutritious product with about every element contained in potatoes, goes begging, the grocers say, at the same old price. If a half dozen readers of this order a pound of rice there is a strong probability that this despised product at this writing will be listed among the "best sellers" at "war time prices" by tomorrow noon. So buy early and avoid the rush and increase.

One grocer had an invoice of mops handles arrive this morning. A traveling salesman for one of the largest wholesale grocery concerns in the East was in the store at the time.

"What makes mops handles go up in price?" asked the grocer.

The salesman indicated the metal on the bottom. "The use of that stuff in the making of mops," he replied. Housemaid's knee will soon become a popular complaint.

As for coal Brattleboro is fortunate just at present in that the dealers have some on hand and are working over time to get more. The price is no higher than it is in Springfield, Mass., where \$9.50 a ton is charged. The useful information is extended, however, that the combination of car shortage, help shortage at the mines, embargoes, and a cold snap will reduce visible supplies and force up prices.

DEATH OF DR. B. C. JENNEY.

Had Practiced Dentistry in Bennington More Than 35 Years.

BENNINGTON, Oct. 25.—Dr. B. C. Jenney, who had practiced dentistry in Bennington for more than 35 years, died yesterday of diabetes. He was born in Leicester Sept. 18, 1856. Following a brief employment in the office of a Brantford dentist, he moved to Bennington in 1877. Later he opened an office on the second floor of the building occupied by Satter Brothers on Main street and was there established at the time of his death. He leaves three sons and a daughter, all residents of Bennington.

RUSSIA'S IMMENSE LOSSES.

Total Casualties 1,797,522 Since June 1, Berlin Reports.

BERLIN, Oct. 25.—There have been 1,797,522 casualties in the Russian army since June 1, according to the latest reports made public by the central identification office at Kiev, says an Overseas News Agency statement today. "Included in this number," continues the statement, "are 85,981 officers. Among officers who have recently fallen are two generals. The largest number of casualties was among the Siberian troops and the Caucasian cavalry."

Massachusetts in 1915 used 15,786,630,000 cubic feet of gas.

DR. CHAS. S. PRATT SELLS PRACTICE

Will Retire to Country Home in East Putney — Succeeded Nov. 1 by Dr. Ernest L. Tracey.

Hundreds of personal friends in Brattleboro and surrounding towns, who have known Dr. Charles S. Pratt in a professional and personal way, will learn with regret of his plans to retire from active practice, in which he has been successfully engaged continuously 33 years. He will have a worthy successor in Dr. Ernest L. Tracey, to whom he has sold his practice, and who will take possession of it Nov. 1.

Dr. Pratt was associated 15 years with the late Dr. D. P. Webster and previous to the latter's appointment as postmaster established a separate office. Dr. Pratt has been planning some years to retire to his country home in East Putney when he reached a certain age. He has well-earned the privilege of the less strenuous life which he hopes to follow.

Dr. Tracey graduated from the medical department of the University of Vermont in 1910. He conducted a large general practice in Pittsfield, this state, three years. He came here to engage in special study, and work in the Brattleboro Retreat, expecting his engagement to be only temporary, but has remained there three years as assistant physician. He has gained here a large circle of friends, who will be pleased to know that he is to remain permanently in general practice. He has engaged the office quarters at 214 Main street, formerly occupied by the late Dr. Frank H. O'Connor.

TWO MORE DIVORCE CASES HEARD TODAY

Windham County Court at Newfane May Adjourn Late This Afternoon — But Little Business Remains.

The business transacted in the Windham county court this morning consisted of hearing the divorce case of Mary E. Evans of Brattleboro against James H. Evans of Springfield, Mass., formerly of Brattleboro. No decision was given. Gibson & Daley appeared for the petitioner and A. V. D. Piper for the defendant.

This afternoon at 2 o'clock the contested divorce case of Eva Brown against Ernest Brown, both of Brattleboro, was set for a hearing. The ground on which the divorce is asked is intolerable severity. H. G. & F. E. Barber appear for the petitioner and Gibson & Daley for the petitioner. There is little more business to come before the court and an adjournment may be reached late this afternoon.

PETITION TO RETAIN DAY POLICE OFFICER

Asks that He Be Kept on Duty for Good of Brattleboro—Document Is Being Generally Signed.

A petition to the village commissioners is being circulated today by Barney End, manager of the Vermont Auto Sales Co., asking for the retention of the day police officer during the fall and winter months. The document says that it is understood to be the intention of the commissioners to discontinue the services of the officer and asks that he be kept on duty "for the good of Brattleboro." It is headed by Col. J. G. Estey and is being generally signed.

CHIROPRACTOR IS ACQUITTED.

St. Albans Man Charged With Practicing Medicine Without License.

ST. ALBANS, Oct. 25.—At a hearing before City Judge N. N. Post Frank E. Bemis, a chiropractor charged with practicing medicine and surgery without a license, was found not guilty after the jury before whom the trial was held had been out seven minutes. This is the second similar case here against Bemis, who has been practicing here since last March. At the previous trial Judge Post decided that Bemis did not come within the provisions of the act under which he was arrested. The evidence presented by the state after the second arrest showed that Bemis was a graduate of the Palmer school of chiropractic at Danville, Ia., and that he had done nothing except what he was taught to do at that school. The only matter the jury had to decide was whether he represented himself as a doctor of medicine or surgery. Although the defense had several witnesses present it did not place them on the stand, relying entirely on testimony given by state's witnesses regarding methods of treatment and advertising claims of Mr. Bemis. State's Attorney E. S. Cushing prosecuted. Fred H. Hartwell of Lacrosse, Wis., and M. H. Alexander of this city represented Mr. Bemis.

THE WEATHER.

Cloudy Tonight — Warmer — Variable Winds Increasing in Intensity.

WASHINGTON, October 25.—The weather forecast: Cloudy tonight and Thursday. Warmer tonight. Variable winds becoming southeast and increasing.

Rye grass is believed to be the oldest grass specially raised for forage, having been thus cultivated in England more than two centuries ago.

BOMB EXPLODED AT SUBWAY STATION

Four Persons Injured at 110th Street in New York City Today

MISSILE LOADED WITH POWERFUL DYNAMITE

Several Stores Robbed Through the Windows Shattered by the Concussion — Theory That Explosion Was Connected With Strike.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—The explosion of a bomb containing high power dynamite at the 110th street station of the Lenox Avenue subway line early today injured four persons and did considerable damage to the station.

A subway train containing passengers had left the station two minutes before the explosion. The explosion smashed the ticket agent's booth, injured the agent, the ticket chopper, a messenger boy and a negro and tore off a portion of the sidewalk overhead and broke windows in some of the apartment houses nearby.

Several stores in the vicinity were robbed through the windows shattered by the concussion.

The bomb was placed under the edge of the platform. Subway employees said they saw no one loitering about.

The only theory they could suggest was that it might have been set off because of the street railway strike.

NORWAY'S HEAVY LOSS.

Five More Steamships Reported Sunk by German Submarines.

LONDON, Oct. 25.—The sinking by German submarines of five more Norwegian steamships is reported in an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Christiania.

The steamers Alix and Rising and the schooner Theodore, together with the Swedish schooners Antoinette and Henriette, are among the latest submarine victims, adds the despatch.



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